

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following amended paragraph:**

A conventional actuator is provided with: a stepping motor having an exterior casing made of a resin, a motor main body disposed inside the exterior casing, and a shaft rotated by the motor main body; a housing made of a resin coupled to the exterior casing; a pipe for operating a transmission control valve by reciprocating in an axial direction relative to the shaft, a base end portion of the pipe being positioned inside the housing and a tip portion of the pipe being disposed so ~~to~~that project outward from the housing; and a power conversion mechanism for converting rotation of the shaft into rectilinear motion of the pipe.